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United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

Eighteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/62/10) on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/62/L.54/Rev.1. The statement was submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. During its consideration of the statement, the Advisory Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarifications.

2. As indicated in the Secretary-General's statement, the First Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.24/Rev.1 on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa. The First Committee was informed of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution in a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.1/62/L.54/Rev.1).

3. The Advisory Committee notes that under the terms of draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.24/Rev.1, three regular budget posts (1 P-3 and 2 GS/OL) would be established and the operating costs of the Regional Centre would be funded from the regular budget for the biennium 2008-2009. Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that the two General Service (Other level) posts proposed would be local.

4. The Advisory Committee recalls the procedures for administrative and budgetary matters as outlined in section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B.

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5. The Secretary-General indicates that should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.24/Rev.1, an additional provision of $360,200 would be required over and above the level of resources proposed under section 4, Disarmament ($322,300); and section 35, Staff assessment ($37,900), to be offset by the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. According to the Secretary-General, this would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

6. **The Advisory Committee has no objection to the Secretary-General's proposal.**